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Re: Claimant: Daniel Backman
Employer: First Insurance Company of Hawaii, Ltd.
Accident: 07/31/97
Case No.: 7-99-00534
Claim No.: 2J029128
Your Claim No.: 00-001-32

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Dear Mr. Oshima & Ms. Itomura,

Thank you for allowing me to review the imaging studies of claimant Daniel Backman. As indicated in your letter of 05/25/01, the claimant is requesting a second surgery of C4-5 because of potential stenosis. An MRI dated 12/15/00 was submitted for review.

This is a standard four sequence exam performed at Kuakini Medical Center. Unfortunately, the copies are of rather marginal quality.

IMAGING ANALYSIS:

At C3-4, there is a mild diffuse annular bulge and a small central disc protrusion with associated annular tear, but no evidence of canal or foraminal stenosis.

At C4-5, there has been previous bony effusion which appears solid. Whereas, there is a very tiny central protrusion, there is definitely no evidence of canal or foraminal stenosis. **I see no specific changes to suggest the need for surgery at this level.**

At C5-6, there is rather minor disc space narrowing and minor degree of disc bulge.

At C6-7, there is a minor degree of disc space narrowing.

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